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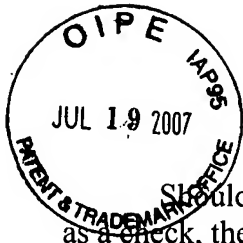
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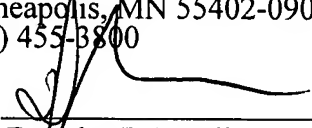
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EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
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	5,996,348	October 1999	Hashimoto, et al.			
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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